

Australia at a glance 1980

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS



DEMOGRAPHY AND MANPOWER

1976-77 1977-78 1978-79

Population and vitals

Population at 30 June	000	14 074	14 249	p14 418
- aged less than 15	%	26.8	26.1	p25.7
- 15-64	-	64.4	64.8	p64.9
- 65 and over	-	9.0	9.2	p9.4
Births	000	227	226	223
Deaths	-	111	108	108
Marriages	-	112	102	104

Overseas movements

Net permanent and long term movement	000	+43	+56	+71
Visitors arriving short term	-	540	561	700
Residents departing short term	-	966	1 005	935

Labour force

Civilian labour force May -	000	4 076	4 073	4 119
males	-	2 301	2 321	2 321
females	-	354	395	397
Unemployed persons May	-	39.3	32.2	34.3
Job vacancies May	-	2 805	2 804	p2 801
Trade union membership December	-	3 143	1 912	4 243
Industrial disputes work days lost	-			

Wages, weekly earnings and hours

Wage rates index adult males	1954=100	484	528	561
Earnings (per employed male unit)	\$	190.70	209.50	225.70
Hours (incl. overtime) full-time non-manual adult males May	No	41.1	41.0	41.3

FINANCE

Government finance

Current receipts (all governments)	£m	26 840	29 329	32 148
Cwth income tax, persons	-	11 047	12 122	12 797
Other Cwth government taxes	-	8 759	9 379	10 737
State and local government taxes	-	5 046	5 472	5 933
Total outlay (all governments)	-	31 738	35 722	38 793
Final consumption expenditure	-	13 298	15 088	16 756
Transfers to persons	-	7 759	8 700	9 553
Expenditure on new fixed assets	-	7 025	7 786	8 142

Private finance

Trading bank deposits June balances	£m	19 089	19 746	22 179
Savings bank deposits June balances	-	16 372	18 052	19 839
Housing loans approved to individuals	-			
Trading banks	-	812	871	1 006
Savings banks	-	2 105	2 245	2 635
Permanent building societies	-	1 582	1 733	2 140
Other significant lenders	-	1 057	1 067	1 089
Finance companies loan balances June	-	12 996	14 641	16 494
New money raised listed companies	-			
Shares	-	471	350	330
Debentures, secured notes etc.	-	1 210	1 119	878
Life insurance value of new policies	-	18 447	20 782	22 219

PRODUCTION AND RETAIL SALES

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Agriculture

Gross value of agriculture	\$m	6 756	6 978	10 235
Crops		3 185	3 038	4 902
Livestock slaughtering etc		1 686	1 970	3 116
Livestock products		1 885	1 971	2 217
Wheat production	000 tonnes	11 800	9 370	18 083
Wool		703	677	706
Meat		2 722	2 897	2 708

Mining

Bauxite	000 tonnes	22 806	24 842	25 449
Iron ore (a)		94 768	89 872	84 181
Black coal		75 882	79 338	81 668
Crude oil	000 cu m	24 549	24 941	24 855
Natural gas	million cu m	6 093	6 720	7 767

Manufacturing

Steel ingots	000 tonnes	7 473	7 532	7 541
Cement		5 039	5 021	5 117
Tobacco and cigarettes		30	30	30
Beer	mltres	1 955	2 005	1 942
Finished motor vehicles	000	428	764	415
Electricity	m kWh	82 522	86 095	90 871
Electric motors— under 720 W	000	2 945	2 501	2 644
Yarn—Cotton	000 kg	20 886	22 453	21 203
Wool		19 345	19 734	20 113

Retail sales (excluding motor vehicles parts, petrol etc.)

\$m	21 433	23 553	25 975
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PRICE INDEXES

Consumer (6 capital cities)	1966-67 = 100	220	241	261
Export	1974-75 = 100	122	128	144
Building materials—House	1966-67 = 100	232.9	252.0	268.1
Other		230.3	249.7	268.1
Manufacturing				
Materials used	1966-69 = 100	182.2	198.5	248.5
Articles produced		196.9	213.8	237.4

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$m	82 780	90 255	101 626
Gross farm product		4 253	4 023	6 642
GDP at 1974-75 prices		64 902	65 561	68 613
Gross farm product at 1974-75 prices		4 039	3 746	5 095
Gross fixed capital expenditure		18 917	20 602	22 691
Gross fixed capital exp—private		11 766	12 850	14 477
Household income		70 406	77 988	87 901
Personal consumption expenditure		48 534	54 174	60 537

(a) Includes iron concentrates and iron ore for pellet production

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

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Overseas trade (b)

Total exports, f.o.b.	\$m	11 652	12 270	14 243
Total imports		10 411	11 187	13 752
Percentage of total exports to—				
Japan	%	34.0	31.8	28.8
E.E.C.		18.4	14.0	14.1
Percentage of total imports from—				
E.E.C.		24.8	25.2	25.6
U.S.A.		20.8	20.8	23.5

Major export commodities f.o.b.

Wool (greasy)	\$m	1 277	994	1 231
Meat (fresh, chilled, frozen)		839	1 089	1 650
Wheat		863	1 009	794
Machinery and transport equipment		483	547	673
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap		2 190	2 330	2 478
Coal, coke and briquettes		1 293	1 489	1 533
Sugar		637	537	448

Major import commodities

Machinery		2 706	2 840	3 645
Transport equipment		1 274	1 307	2 086
Petroleum and petroleum products		996	1 162	1 140

Balance of payments

Balance on current account	\$m	-2 027	-2 515	-3 087
Balance of trade (B.O.P. basis)		1 059	877	627
Net invisibles		-3 086	-3 391	-3 714
Net apparent capital inflow		1 536	1 973	2 963
Government capital		152	1 518	1 350
Private capital		1 575	818	1 689
Non-official monetary sector		30	-6	-28
Net official monetary movements		-491	-542	-124

TRANSPORT

Motor vehicles on register June	000	6 818	7 115	7 358
Cars and station wagons June		5 243	5 462	5 657
New motor vehicles registered		632	602	p619
Civil aviation (passenger km)				
Regular internal services	mil	7 330	8 181	p8 620
Overseas services (Australian airlines)		11 319	12 030	14 318

BUILDING

New houses (number completed)	000	110.4	100.1	93.1
New other dwellings (number completed)		34.4	28.8	24.1
Value of new dwellings completed	\$m	3 635	3 596	3 530
Value of other buildings completed		2 447	2 604	2 800

(b) Commodity statistics prior to 1 July 1978 are not directly comparable with those for 1978-79 because from 1 July 1978 the ABS adopted the 2nd Revision of the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC Rev. 2) as the basis for its commodity statistics.

Notes: Figures relate to 1 July-30 June unless otherwise indicated.

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POPULATION STATISTICS AND AREA OF SELECTED COUNTRIES. END-YEAR 1977

Country	Estimated population '000	Surface area km ²	Population density (a)
Australia	14 074	7 682 300	2
Belgium	9 931	30 513	325
Brazil	112 239	8 511 965	13
Canada	23 280	9 976 139	2
France	53 079	547 026	97
Germany Federal Republic of	61 396	248 577	247
India	625 818	3 287 590	190
Indonesia	143 282	1 904 345	75
Italy	56 446	301 225	187
Japan	113 863	372 313	308
Malaysia	12 600	329 749	38
Netherlands	13 853	40 844	339
New Zealand	3 105	268 676	12
Norway	4 042	324 219	12
Pakistan Islamic Republic of	75 278	803 943	94
Philippines	45 028	300 000	150
Singapore Republic of	2 308	581	3 973
South Africa Republic of	25 000	1 221 037	21
Sweden	8 255	449 964	18
Switzerland	6 327	41 288	153
United Kingdom	55 852	244 046	229
U.S.A.	216 817	9 383 123	23

(a) Population per square kilometre of surface area

Source: For foreign countries United Nations Demographic Yearbook 1977

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